

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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The report on cattle show held at Kabbal, Kankanhalli Taluk, on the 23rd and 24th February 1914, received from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, through the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

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ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. Government are glad to note that the show, which is the first of its kind in the Kankanhalli Taluk, proved a great success and desire to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the local officers and non-official gentlemen in this connection.

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To—The Revenue Commissioner, with reference to his letter No. 14573, dated the 6th June 1914.
The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette*.

I beg to submit the following report regarding the cattle show that was held for the first time in this taluk at Kabbal on the 23rd and 24th February last. I regret very much that this report is somewhat belated.

2. *Brief history of the origin of the show.*—Shortly after I assumed charge of this taluk in November last, I happened to pass through the broad street of Uyyambelli, where I came across a very large number of fine cattles which was a sight in itself.

Having heard previously of the fine breed of cattle in the taluk and seen some of them, I thought it would be very desirable to organize a cattle show. Thereupon the leading raiyats were consulted in the matter and they were all very enthusiastic about having it at Kabbal.

The subject was discussed and resolved upon in the meeting of the Taluk Board held on the 31st December 1913. The Sub-Division Officer (Mr. Ananda Rao Sirsi) to whom I spoke having cordially supported my proposal, it was decided in a meeting of the representative landholders and patels, etc., held on the 8th January 1914, to have the show at Kabbal during the Kabbalamman jatra there in view of the fact that the place though somewhat insignificant and unattractive was favourably situated in other respects namely (1) that the jatra at the place is a big one and lasts for three days, (2) that the place is near to Malvalli and Chanapatna which are also cattle breeding centres. Shortly after, that is on the 14th January 1914, the Deputy Commissioner kindly visited the place and approved of the idea and the place selected. A strong Committee was formed and details of prizes to be awarded, etc., were discussed. The call for subscriptions was readily and liberally responded to and it became possible to make the show a success. Notwithstanding the shortness of time at the disposal of the Committee.

3. *Committee of management.*—The following constituted the Sub-Committee for the management of the show with the Sub-Division Officer, Closepet, as the President:—

- (1) Mr. S. Chakrapani Iyengar, B.A., B.L., Amildar, Vice-President.
- (2) „ Krishnappa, Landholder, Kabbal.
- (3) „ Ibrahim Sab, Contractor, Sathanur.
- (4) „ Sowcar Syed Sab, Landholder, Achal.
- (5) „ Mallikarjania, Patel, Nalhalli.
- (6) „ Venkatadasappa, Shanbhog, Mullahalli.
- (7) „ Khandedaya, Patel, Mullahalli.
- (8) „ Mallaraje Urs, Patel, Kunur.

For the purpose of judging in prizes the Sub-Committee secured the help of six well known raiyats besides the Assistant Veterinary Inspector Mr. Srinivasiengar.

4. *Number of cattle exhibited.*—Applications were received exhibiting as many as 155 bulls, 227 bullocks, 9 cows, 11 he-calves, 8 she-calves, 2 buffaloes, 3 rams, 1 he-goat and 1 sheep and all these were approved by the Committee and let into the show enclosure.

In quality, they certainly surprised the several visitors both in the taluk and from outside.

Besides the above as many as 3,000 cattle had been brought for sale and picketted outside in convenient rows.

The Deputy Commissioner in declaring the cattle show open on the 23rd February 1914, congratulated the Committee on the get-up of the show in so short a time and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large number of fine specimens which surpassed all his expectations. He finally suggested the forming of a cattle breeding Association in the taluk as a possible check against the gradual depletion of the good breed which is considered as a draw back in annual cattle shows of this kind.

The idea no doubt was understood by the people but a great deal depends upon the spirit of co-operation and business-like habits of those concerned, which is certainly our aim to foster and cultivate however slow this work might be for some-time. It may perhaps be mentioned that in actual practice the raiyats of this taluk, which is mainly agricultural have been taking particular care in the matter of maintaining the excellence of the cattle breed.

5. *Classification of exhibits, etc.*—The subjoined table gives the classification of exhibits according to breed, size, age, etc., as far as it was possible to ascertain at the time.

Descriptions	Total No.	Breed	No.	Age	No.	Height	No.	Remarks
Bulls ...	155	Hallikar ...	60	2 teeth	20	4½ feet...	10	
		Bettadana	30	4 teeth	60	4 feet ...	40	
		Mixed ...	50	6 teeth	75	3½ feet...	48	
		Hagalavadi	15			3½ feet...	20	
Bullocks	227					3 feet ...	37	
		Hallikar ...	80	4 teeth	80	4½ feet...	20	
		Bettadana	55	6 teeth	97	4½ feet...	50	
		Mixed ...	50	Above 6 teeth	50	4½ feet...	80	
Cows ...	9	Hagalavadi	42			4 feet ...	43	
						3½ feet...	34	
		Hallikar ...	4	4 teeth	3	4 feet ...	2	
		Bettadana	5	6 teeth	6	3½ feet...	3	
He-calves	11					3½ feet...	4	
		Hallikar ...	4	1 tooth	2	3 feet ...	8	
She-calves	8	Bettadana	7	2 teeth	9	2½ feet ..	3	
		Hallikar ...	3	Milk teeth	3	2½ feet...	5	
Buffaloes	2	Bettadana	5	2 teeth	5	3 feet ...	3	
		Bettadana	2	Milk teeth	2	4½ feet...	2	
Ram ...	3	Valagra	3	6 teeth	1	2½ feet...	1	
				2 teeth	2	2 feet ...	2	
Sheep ...	1	Valagra ...	1	6 teeth	1	2 feet ...	1	
He-goat...	1	Valagra ...	1	6 teeth	1	3 feet ...	1	

6. *Number of prizes awarded.*—Particulars regarding this are given below:—

No.	Descriptions	No. of prizes	Amount	Names of prize winners
			Rs.	
1	Bulls ...	1st prize ...	5	Huchinaballi Mallugowda, Channapatna Taluk.
		2nd do ...	4	Do Appugowda, do.
		3rd do ...	3	Settikerododdi Motogowda, Kankanhalli Taluk.
		Consolation prize	2	Halagayya, Sivanhalli, Kankanhalli Taluk.
2	Bullocks ...	1st prize ...	10	Sunnaghatta Borigowda.
		2nd do ...	8	Do Patel Cheluvigowda.
		3rd do ...	6	Kallimalidoddi Boregowda, Malvalli Taluk.
		4th do ...	5	Borigowda, Marigowdandoddi, Kankanhalli Taluk.
		5th do ...	4	Javarayigowda, Kachunahalli, Kankanhalli Taluk.
		6th do ...	3	Lingegowda, do do
		Consolation prize	2	Doddigowda, Malavalli Taluk.
		Do ...	2	Chowdigowda, Dodsadenhalli, Kankanhalli Taluk.
		Do ...	2	Lingegowda, Thokasandra, Kankanhalli Taluk.
3	Cows ...	1st prize ...	8	Mantedaya, Sathanoor Hobli, Kankanhalli Taluk.
		2nd do ...	6	Alahalli Ralaya, Kankanhalli Taluk.
		3rd do ...	5	Kabbal Hombaya, Kankanhalli Taluk.
4	He-calves ...	1st do ...	4	Thigalarhalli Muddegowda, Kankanhalli Taluk.
5	He-buffalo ...	1st do ...	4	Therubidi Kalappa, Kankanhalli Taluk.
6	Ram ...	1st do ...	2	Sunnaghatta Dasegowda, Channapatna Taluk.
		2nd do ...	1	Kunoor Venkategowda, Kankanhalli Taluk.
		Consolation prize	1	Dyavapatna Basavegowda, Channapatna Taluk.
Total No. of prizes ..		21	87	

Certificates of merits were also awarded to each prize winner along with the prizes in the shape of money.

The distribution of prizes and certificates was kindly undertaken by the Sub-Division Officer, Closepet, in the presence of the Judges and others assembled in large numbers in the octagonal pavilion erected in the centre of the show enclosure.

This was a very pleasing ceremony indeed. It was followed as the last item in the programme by the delivery of lectures in Kanarese (1) on the improvement of cattle breed and prevention of cattle diseases by the Assistant Veterinary Inspector Mr. Srinivasiengar, (2) on Co-operative Societies by Mr. D. Krishniengar, Inspector of Co-operative Societies, (3) on the necessity of pure water-supply precautions against epidemic and infectious diseases and on first aid, by Mr. V. Muthusami Dass, L.M.S., District Medical and Sanitary Officer. It has to be stated that the assembled raiyats listened to the lectures with rapt attention.

Unfortunately the necessity to take up photos of the cattle that were the winners of the prizes escaped the notice of the Committee an omission which will not be allowed to recur.

7. *Suitability of the place for cattle show.*—Kabbal was selected not merely on the ground of its proximity to the cattle breeding centres referred to already, but also because, it has advantages as regards water-supply. There are two kattes at a distance of about $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 furlong from the show enclosure which contained a pretty supply of water one of which containing a spring. There are three other ponds not far away containing good springs. All these were made use of for watering cattle. There is a minor restored tank close at hand but as the sluice is leaky it became dry at the close of January. With some earthwork to the tank bund and the repairs of the sluice it is quite easy to retain sufficient quantity of water even in summer. This work will be taken in hand as early as possible.

About $\frac{1}{2}$ a dozen wells were sunk in the tank bed by some charitably disposed men and these were hankanized and used for drinking purposes by people. Two other draw-wells at a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ a furlong from the place and another newly executed pond were also largely resorted to after they were hankanized. The water sources were duly guarded and boards put up to indicate their position.

Although the village of Kabbal is insignificant and by no means attractive the sanitary and other arrangements made, left nothing to be desired. This will be obvious from the circumstance that not one case of disease was brought to notice in such a large congregation of about 15,000 people.

8. *Total receipts and expenses.*—The whole expense of the cattle show was met by private subscriptions only. This being the first show, no fee was charged. Subscriptions were collected with the double object of meeting (1) the minimum deposit required for the formation of the Taluk Progress Committee (2) the expenses of the cattle show. The total receipts from subscriptions and including the sale proceeds of pandal, etc., were Rs. 645-4-6, of which Rs. 100 was deposited towards Taluk Progress Committee, Rs. 370-10-6 was spent in connection with the cattle show, the balance of Rs. 174 being held in the Savings Bank and 10 annas in hand in accordance with the resolution carried at the General Meeting of the subscribers as a nucleus for the construction of a Reading Room and Library by the side of the Taluk Office.

The expenses in connection with the cattle show are classified as under:—

Items.	Cost.		
	Rs.	a.	p.
1. Pandal decoration charges, cart hire, etc. ...	49	10	9
2. Tent charges	10	4	0
3. Fruits and flowers	29	12	0
4. Lighting charges (Washington)	32	0	0
5. Feeding of guests and visitors	125	4	3
6. Printing and advertisement charges	30	7	6
7. Cost of preparing silk money bags	6	4	0
8. Money prizes	87	0	0
Total	370	10	6

It may be mentioned that arrangements made for the accommodation of guests and visitors were satisfactory.

9. *Concluding remarks.*—In concluding I beg to state that the cattle show amply justified the object with which it was started. As the show was over, more people and cattle were pouring in and the brisker were the sales of cattle. The raiyats were jubilant. It was learnt that the sale realizations amounted to more than Rs. 10,000 and among the purchases were people from Nellore, Salem and Coimbatore Districts. It was expressed by every villager who attended the jatra and the show and who so well appreciated the function that never in the memory of a living person in that part was there a congregation of this description and a function of this kind.

It is intended to make the cattle show at Kabbal an annual function as a part of the work of the agricultural association which I have an idea of starting ere long and it is to be hoped that in the fullness of time, this initial attempt will expand, and grow into a mighty organization bringing wealth and prosperity to the raiyats of this taluk in which agriculture and cattle breeding are the chief pursuit of the bulk of the people.